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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 7369

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: MASS, LE

SUBJECT: TOW MISSILES FOR LEB ARMY

REF: STATE 100803

1. MINISTER OF DEFENSE MALOUF HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT PRESIDENT FRANGIE HAS AGAIN RAISED QUESTION OF TOW MISSILES AND LEBANON'S URGENT NEED FOR THEM. WE HAVE USED ARGUMENT SUGGESTED PARA 3, BUT WITH CURRENT DIFFICULTIES LEBANESE NOW EXPERIENCING IN AFTERMATH LAST WEEK'S ISRAELI RAIDS OVER THREE-DAY PERIOD AND CURRENT FEARS OF REPETITION, GOL RELUCTANT ACCEPT SUCH ARGUMENT AND FEELS GREAT PRESSURE "TO DO SOMETHING". THEY APPEAR TO HAVE OFFERS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM NUMBER ARAB FRIENDS WHICH THEY MAY IN SMALL PART ACCEPT. HOWEVER, MINDEF MADE VERY CLEAR TO DCM THIS WEEK GOL WANTS BUY AMERICAN BECAUSE OF QUALITY AND IN FURTHERANCE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES WHICH PRESIDENT FRANGIE HAS FOSTERED FROM BEGINNING OF REGIME. IN THESE PRESENT TROUBLES, THIS RELATIONSHIP HIGHLY IMPORTANT TO HIM. THERE ARE LEBANESE WHO ENCOURAGING GOVERNMENT TO PROCURE ARMS ELSEWHERE AND SOME

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WHO FEEL GOVT SHOULD ACCEPT OFFERS OF SOVIETS. FRANGIE

RESISTING SUCH PRESURES BUT EXTENT ISRAELI RAIDS HAVE SHARPENED HIS PROBLEM. MINDEF AND ARMY COMMANDER GHANEM ARE ALSO GREATLY CONCERNED THAT FEDAYEEN OBTAINING MORE MODERN WEAPONS FROM SYRIANS OR ELSEWHERE WHICH GIVEN GOL ARMY CURRENT FIRE POWER WILL MAKE TASK OF CONTROLLING FEDAYEEN EVEN MORE DIFFICULT THAN IT ALREADY IS.

2. WE APPRECIATE TOW SUPPLY SITUATION AS REPORTED REFTEL. WE BELIEVE STRONGLY, HOWEVER, THAT THERE ARE OVERRIDING POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS HERE WHICH RECOMMEND OUR RESPONDING QUICKLY TO PRESIDENT FRANGIE'S REQUEST IF ONLY TO THE LIMITED EXTENT OUTLINED BEIRUT 5361.

3. AMBASSADOR WHO BRIEFLY OUT OF COUNTRY APPROVED SUBSTANCE ABOVE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.  
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